

National Night Out Party Guide

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33rd Annual National Night Out

Congratulations! You've come to the first page of all the information you will need for National Night Out in The Woodlands, Texas.

National Night Out is a great crime prevention tool. It encourages you and your neighbors to get together. When neighbors know each other and pay attention to their surroundings it helps law enforcement by recognizing and reporting suspicious people or vehicles. The more you know about your neighborhood, the more you can do to keep it safe.

We hope you have a **National Night Out Party** on **Tuesday, August 2, 2016.** You can register your party online at http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-12/National-Night-Out-Party-Registration-102.

After registering your party online please plan to pick up your party supplies at **Supply and Registration Day** on **Tuesday, July 19 from 10 a.m.** - **6 p.m.** at The Woodlands Township (2801 Technology Forest Blvd. – *Board Chambers entrance*). Available supplies might include: balloons, giveaways, yard signs, party ideas, etc.

Also, please join us on Saturday, October 1 from noon – 3 p.m. for the Community Safety Expo at Rob Fleming Aquatic Center in the Village of Creekside Park. It is a day of food, fun and public safety demonstrations for the entire community. You will have the opportunity to explore public safety apparatus such as: an ambulance, fire engine, mobile command unit and much more. You can also watch live law enforcement K9 demonstrations, try on S.W.A.T. and fire fighter gear and meet real Crime Scene Investigators and Texas Rangers! The kids will enjoy face painting, a bounce house, crafts and hanging out with McGruff the Crime Dog! Admission is free to the public.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun with you!





Keeping it Simple

We know many neighborhoods have an informal get together for National Night Out and we're glad that you get out and meet your neighbors; taking that first step in crime prevention.

Please register your National Night Out
get together and check the box
"No supplies or public safety visit required"
on the registration form at http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-12/National-Night-Out-Party-Registration-102.

It's important to us to have an accurate number of neighborhoods participating in National Night Out; we appreciate you registering your get together.



For more information please call 281-210-3800 or visit



Top 10 Reasons to Host a National Night Out Party

- 1. Have Fun!
- 2. Meet your neighbors. Neighbor knowing neighbor is the first step in crime prevention.
- 3. Organize and/or revitalize The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch on your street.
- 4. Increase the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.
- 5. Share crime prevention and safety information.
- 6. Create a neighborhood e-mail directory.
- 7. Start a tradition.
- 8. Learn about your neighborhood's history.
- 9. Discover your neighbor's hidden talents (line dancing, guitar playing, etc.).
- 10. Help strengthening our police-community partnerships.





National Night Out Neighborhood Party Activity Ideas

SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS

- Bring your favorite snack
- Coffee, tea and dessert
- Cookie exchange
- Fruit and cheese plates
- Hot dogs and brats
- Ice cream cones / sundaes
- Lemonade and cookies
- Mini-donut stand
- Popcorn
- Potluck
- Pretzels and soda
- Root beer floats
- Watermelon

GROUP CONVERSATIONS / MIXERS

- "Neighbor of the Year" award
- Oldest resident award
- Longest resident award
- Have an ice breaker
- Neighbor trivia game
- Photos from past block parties
- Share ideas / accomplishments
- Skill swap
- Talk about area crime concerns and keep an eye on each other's houses
- Update block list for people and pets
- Update block contact list
- Welcome new residents

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

- Bicycle parade / rodeo
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Coloring / maze sheet
- Dime / penny guess
- Duck pond
- Face painting
- Games
- Kiddie jump (moon walk)
- Make a banner or mural
- Piñata
- Scavenger hunt
- Skits or a talent show

- Book exchange / book swap
- Cake walk

ALL – AGES ACTIVITIES

- Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
- Dance / street dance
- Lawn mower beauty contest
- Live music
- Organize a book club
- Parade
- Plant exchange
- Prizes
- Races: cotton ball on spoon
- Ring toss contest
- Sing-a-long, karaoke
- Water balloon fights / toss

CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY

- Beautify a common area
- Collect for food bank
- Plan a clean-up or bulb planting
- Sign up neighbors for library cards
- Exchange e-mail addresses to communicate more with your watch members





National Night Out Block Party Planning

We are glad you	can join us for National	Night Out
on	at	!

We are asking each family to bring:

- Chairs
- Your own meal to grill
- A salad or dessert to share with (number?) people
- Your own beverages
- Your own plates and utensils
- (Other?)

Do you have any of the following that you could bring?

- Barbecue grill
- Table
- Cooler

Do you have a talent (like playing guitar or teaching country line dancing) or special equipment (like a karaoke machine or a bounce house) that you could share? Please describe below.

Please return this form by ________ to:

Coordinator name______

Coordinator phone______

Coordinator address______

Coordinator e-mail





You Are Invited to a National Night Out Party!

Date:			
Time:			
Location:			
Contact:			
Comments:			

Lock your doors, turn on your lights and come outside to meet your neighbors!



For more information please call 281-210-3800 or visit



National Night Out Early Bird Registration

The early bird gets the pizza!

Register your National Night Out party by Friday, July 15, 2016, to have your name entered in a drawing for a chance to win free pizza and other prizes for your National Night Out party!

TWO FAST AND EASY WAYS TO REGISTGER YOUR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY:

- 1. Click the link below:
 Register your National Night Out Party!
- 2. Call The Woodlands Township and ask for Neighborhood Watch 281-210-3800.



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National Night Out Supply and Registration Day

After you have <u>registered your party online</u>, stop by to get everything you need for your National Night Out Party!

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 Anytime between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Woodlands Township 2801 Technology Forest Blvd. (Board Chambers Entrance)

Items may include:

- Kid Activities
- Party Invitations
- T-shirt for party coordinator
- National Night Out Balloons
- National Night Out Yard Signs
- Watch member sign-up sheets
- Other requested Watch supplies



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National Night Out Food Drive



Ongoing Pantry Needs

- Beans
- Canned fruit
- Canned meats
- Canned or powdered milk
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal
- Fruit juice
- Jelly
- Laundry soap
- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Personal hygiene items
- Rice
- Toilet paper

Benefiting Interfaith of The Woodlands Food Pantry

Collect nonperishable food items at your National Night Out neighborhood party.

Drop off collected food items: **Wednesday through Friday August 3 – 5, 2016 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**at Interfaith of The Woodlands

4242 Interfaith Way

Please mention National Night Out!





National Night Out Care Packages for Deployed Troops Supporting Operation Military Embrace

NON-FOOD ITEMS:

- Batteries (AA & AAA)- not large packages
- Office Supplies (Bic pens, pencils, post-it notes, note pads)
- Baby Wipes (preferred size of 80 or less/package
- Personal Care Items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, shave cream- NON aerosol)
- Over the counter medicine (sleep aids, anti-diarrhea, sinus, Motrin)
- Q-Tips
- Foot Powder and Cream
- Room Fresheners (no candles or aerosol)
- Hand Warmers/Hand Sanitizer
- Zip Loc Bags (Qt. and Gallon size)
- Crossword/Suduko puzzle books

FOODS ITEMS:

- Coffee (one pound bags ground or bean, Keurig individuals
- Meat Pouches (tuna, salmon, chicken, turkey) or in cans
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Granola Bars/Cliff Bars/Power Bars
- Peanut Butter (18 oz. size preferred, easy to pack)
- Gum
- Dried Fruit
- Oatmeal
- Microwave Popcorn

Collect care package items at your National Night Out neighborhood party.

Drop off collected items:
Wednesday through Friday
August 3 – 5, 2016
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
at The Woodlands Township
2801 Technology Forest Blvd.
Attention: Cindy Strawn



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National Night Out Theme Party Contest

Your party will be judged by the photos you submit to kpternitis@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov
by Thursday, August 4, 2016 (one winner per Village).

Theme Party Ideas:

- Mardi Gras
- Luau
- Carnival
- German Festival

Criteria:

- Use of Theme
- Creativity
- Neighborhood Involvement
- Crime Prevention
 Message/Education

To enter into the contest please be sure to include your information on the Party Registration form

http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-12/National-Night-Out-Party-Registration-102.

Winner will receive a Pizza Party for your neighborhood!



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National Night Out Side Walk Chalk Art Competition

Your side walk art will be judged by the photos you submit to kpternitis@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov
by Thursday, August 4, 2016 (one winner per Village).

Side Walk Chalk Ideas:

- National Night Out
- Crime Prevention Message
- Public Safety Thank You
- Military Thank You
- Favorite Sports Team



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National Night Out ID the Burglar Village Challenge

- A burglar, along with a "good guy", will be escorted by a Montgomery County Sheriff's Office deputy to your National Night Out neighborhood party. Your neighborhood must then work as a team to help identify the burglar!
- The contest is designed to promote neighborhood cooperation, crime prevention awareness and test your neighborhood's skill and accuracy in identifying a suspect.
- All interested parties must register by Friday, July 15, 2016.
 Just let your program specialist know that you'd like to add your party to the drawing.
- One party per village will be chosen by a drawing that will take place on Friday, July 22, 2016. The chosen party will be notified and sent further information.





National Night Out ID the Burglar Official Rules

A burglar will be sent to your National Night Out neighborhood party with a "good guy" and escorted by a Montgomery County Sheriff's Office deputy. Your party will be notified of the *approximate time of arrival* in advance. The burglar will visit one party per village (chosen by drawing).

- No cameras or videotaping equipment may be used. To do so will result in disqualification of the entire neighborhood.
- Participating residents may not approach or stop the burglar while they are making their way through the neighborhood.
- All official description must be made on the *ID the Burglar description* form (one form per neighborhood) and submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 to The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch, at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd. Township operating hours are: Monday Friday, 8 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
- Judging will be based on the best (most accurate) description of the burglar.





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The Woodlands, TX

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

FOR PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

I affirm and acknowledge that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the Participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided by the Waiver and Release herein.

MEDIA/PHOTO WAIVER:

I hereby authorize and give my full consent to The Woodlands Township and their agents and assigns to take, copyright and/or publish any and all photographs, videotapes and/or film (the "Media") in which I, or my child, may appear while participating in the Program. I further authorize that The Woodlands Township to transfer, use or cause to be used, the Media in any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes, without limitations or reservations.

Printed Name of Participant		
Signature of Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian	Date	